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SUBJECT: PL 480, TITLE I AND THE RICE SITUATION

REF: A) JAKARTA 13995; B) JAKARTA 14493; C) JAKARTA 14482

1. ALTHOUGH WE ARE MAKING VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO CLEAR THE
LAST HOLD-UPS TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEGOTIATION OF THE
TITLE I, SECOND AMENDMENT, IT APPEARS CLEAR NOW THAT THIS
GRAIN COULD NOT REALISTICALLY ARRIVE UNTIL AT BEST LATE
DECEMBER OR IN JANUARY. FYI: FURTHER IT IS PROBABLE
THAT THERE WILL BE NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO BE
INCLUDED IN FUTURE TITLE I AGREEMENTS RELATING TO HOW THE
FOOD ITSELF, OR FUNDS GENERATED THEREBY, ARE USED TO MEET
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS (REFERENCE: SECTION 112, PL 480 ACT
AS AMENDED IN AUGUST, 1977). THE EXACT NATURE OF THE NEW
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REQUIREMENTS ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WE HOPE THIS
ASPECT WILL BE SETTLED THIS WEEK. THIS INFORMATION OF
COURSE FOR EMBASSY ONLY UNTIL INSTRUCTIONS SENT.
END FYI.

2. DEPARTMENT MUCH APPRECIATES EMBASSY REPORTING ON
CURRENT RICE SITUATION AND HAS ALSO NOTED ANOTHER AGENCY'S

REPORT INDICATING A MORE SERIOUS FOOD PROBLEM IN CENTRAL

JAVA. IN REF A, THE EMBASSY SEEMED TO IMPLY SOME DOUBTS AS TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND WHETHER CURRENT PROBLEMS ARE THE RESULT OF A) ACTUAL FOOD SHORTAGES IN THE COUNTRY, OR B) DISTRIBUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BOTTLENECKS. WE WOULD LIKE AN EARLY FOLLOW-UP REPORT THROUGH NORMAL STATE CHANNELS PROVIDING EMBASSY'S CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE FOOD SITUATION NOW AND FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. DOES EMBASSY HAVE INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITIES FOR EARLY DELIVERY OF RICE FOR COMMERCIAL PURCHASE (OR OTHER FOOD AID) IN NEARBY COUNTRIES, OR IN THE U.S.? VANCE

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